

## ADAMS EXPRESS EMPLOYEES STRIKE

### All Union Men In New England Division To Quit Work This Morning

## AIMED PARTICULARLY AT THIS STATE

### Union Leaders Claim 1,000 Men Will Respond to the Call Out—Company Officials Contend That There Will Not Be Enough Absentees to Interfere With Transaction of Business.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 21.—Although a strike of the union men employed by the Adams Express company in New England who seek shorter hours and more pay has been officially declared by F. G. Thayer, president of the New England division of the railroad expressmen's union, to go into effect at six o'clock tomorrow morning, there is much speculation tonight as to what the outcome will be. Union leaders say that they expect only 1,000 men throughout Massachusetts and Connecticut will fail to report for duty in the morning, while the express officials are positive in their declaration that there will not be enough absentees to interfere with business in the least.

#### May Tie Up Entire System.

The union heads insist that if the men stand by the union, the entire Adams Express system in so far as New England is concerned will be effectively tied up. The union is made up of agents, trainmen, clerks, drivers and porters. President Thayer has been prominent in the support of the union men in Boston and elsewhere along the line.

The proposed strike is said by union men to be directed principally against Connecticut, in which state the Adams company is particularly strong, the American Express company entering the state only on the lines of the Central Vermont railway, which terminates at New London.

#### Meriden Expressmen Not to Strike.

Meriden, Conn., Dec. 21.—That the expected strike of the expressmen belonging to the New England division of the railroad expressmen, which is slated to commence at six o'clock tomorrow morning in Springfield, will not be taken part in by the local employees of the Adams Express company was stated by the men here tonight. It is understood that very few, if any, of the local men belong to the union.

#### Situation in New Haven.

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#### CHINA SUFFERS FROM FLOODS AND FAMINE

People Rendered Desperate by Privation, Pillage and Murder.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21.—Floods have caused great loss of life and severe famine in the Anhui province of China, affecting about a half million persons, according to Rev. E. C. Loebenstein, a returning missionary from North Anhui, who arrived today on the steamer *America*, from the Orient.

"So desperate were the people that thousands banded together, robbing any who had food supplies, and for weeks scarcely a night passed without many murders," said the missionary.

"The floods caused great loss of life. The rapid rise of water swept away scores of villages, thousands of persons being drowned. A railroad engineer reported that a half million men near there had been choked up with bodies and he had been imprisoned two days in the upper part of a temple before being rescued by a boatman."

"The situation during the winter will be terrible—far worse than during the famine three years ago. The starving people are being killed by thousands and relief committees should be organized at once."

#### BODY FOUND IN COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE.

Montreal Police Baffled—No Outward Marks of Violence.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The finding of the body of an elderly man, packed in barrels in a cold storage warehouse here today has baffled the police, which up to a late hour tonight had been unable to solve. The body, clothed only in a cheap suit of cotton underwear and a pair of woolen socks, evidently had been placed in the barrel not long after death and before rigor mortis set in. It was in a sitting position, the head between the knees and the arms and legs bent at right angles with the body. There were no outward marks of violence. Until the body was taken out, which will take 48 hours, the coroner's physician and a half dozen detectives were unable to determine the cause of death.

After an interview with Bouffard at Toronto today Chief Rogers of the provincial staff said that he had nothing to do with the shipment of the barrel. Some one unknown at present has been using his name.

Two detectives were sent to Jarvis tonight to investigate.

#### NEW LONDON

#### SCHOONER ASHORE

Alice P. Turner Aground Near Stonington, Me.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 21.—The 166-ton schooner Alice P. Turner of New London, Conn., went ashore today at Stonington, near the entrance to Stonington harbor. The revenue cutter Woodbury was standing by, ready to furnish any assistance to the vessel or crew. The Turner was built at Gloucester in 1905, she is light.

#### OBITUARY.

James V. Watson, Dec. 21.—James V. Watson, a former president of the Philadelphia clearing house, and probably the oldest financier in this city, died today, aged 95 years. He was one of the founders of the Consolidated National bank and served as its president. He also was identified with a number of other financial institutions and charitable organizations.

\$25,000 Fire at South Norwalk. South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 21.—The plant of the Stevens Electric company at Norwalk was destroyed by fire tonight, loss estimated at \$25,000. Nine thousand gallons of oil were opened and ready for shipment were destroyed. The plant of the Stevens company, owned by Capt. William I. Stevens and members of his family, was one of the most modern and best equipped in the state and was built last fall. The fire is supposed to have started from an overheated boiler.

H. Clay Howard Minister to Peru. Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft, it is reported, has decided to appoint H. Clay Howard of New York, a minister to Peru, vice Leslie Combs, who has asked to be transferred.

Dr. Cook Will Reach New York Today. New York, Dec. 21.—Tomorrow afternoon, one year and 35 days from the time Dr. Frederick A. Cook disappeared from his friends and team, he is due to sail up New York harbor again, but no longer a hero.

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## Cabled Paragraphs

Brant, France, Dec. 21.—Wireless message was received tonight from the steamer *Prins Karel Friedrich* that she had sighted a Belgian steamer on fire in the North Sea. The steamer appeared to have escaped to the coast.

Paris, Dec. 21.—A rumor was current here today that Italian troops have been landed at Tripoli, inquiries at Rome, Milan and Turin, however, have failed to confirm the report. It is believed the rumor arose through the departure of a troop ship for Sicily.

Rome, Dec. 21.—The pope today issued a new Knight of the Golden Spur. Among the honorees are the Duke of Orleans, the French pretender, Marshal Hermès Fonseca, president of Brazil, Hernan Franco, ex-president of Portugal, four Austrian archdukes and six Italian princes.

#### NEW YORK SUBWAY GRAFT.

Mayor Gaynor Says Municipal Operation Would Add Thefts.

New York, Dec. 21.—Mayor Gaynor is displeased at the clamor over the subway situation. Since the public service commission recommended yesterday the acceptance of the offer of the Interborough Rapid Transit company for an elaborate extension of its system, difference of opinion has arisen among city officials and a clash seems probable at the board of estimate meeting tomorrow when the matter is considered. The mayor made public tonight a letter in which he charges the opposition to the plan.

"We have not yet reached the period of municipal operation," writes his

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#### honor. "We let the equipment and operation out to companies. The people of this city will not be prepared for municipal operation until they become sufficiently directed and honest themselves to elect competent and honest officials. When we look about and see the dishonesty and graft which exist now, we cannot wish to add thereto by putting the operation of our railroads in official hands."

"They say that the people want an independent system built in order to have it operated by a good company. A sort of Utopian company which will not look out for its own interests at all. I think all public service companies look alike to you and me. We never saw a 'good' one. And if that imaginary good company should be the successful bidder, how long would it last?"

#### ART DEALERS SUED.

Undervaluation of Imports Charged by Government.

New York, Dec. 21.—The federal government filed nine complaints today against Duveen Brothers, the international art dealers, in a series of civil forfeiture suits, aggregating approximately \$600,000. The suits are a sequel to the arrest in October of several members of the firm on charges of gross undervaluation of imports.

The goods involved are all under seizure, and the government is pending decision of the United States district court, the defendants must file a bond for the full home value, which includes the foreign value plus the cost of transportation and insurance.

The Duveen Brothers' list of customs entries includes several of the wealthiest and best-known connoisseurs of the country, and the prosecution said tonight that it will take advantage of every legal aid to recover from those who have benefited either directly or indirectly by the alleged frauds, which the government estimated at \$5,000,000 in full.

Henry J. Duveen, one of the firm, is now in England, but has given \$75,000 bond for reappearances to face criminal charges.

No Receiver in Slater Estate for the Present. Boston, Dec. 21.—No receiver will be appointed at present, and the status of the case of the estate of the late Horatio Nelson Slater, a prominent Bostonian, will remain unchanged until further order of the court, as a result of a conference between counsel and Judge Bailey in the Massachusetts supreme court today.

Mrs. Mabel Hunt Slater in behalf of her children. The bill complains of an alleged shrinkage in the income from the estate of Mrs. Slater's late husband and the removal of the trustees. The question of the court's jurisdiction was raised today by Herbert Parker, representing the trustees, and it was decided the case belongs to Worcester county. The proceedings are to be completed in that county on or before next Wednesday.

Swinton Guilty of First-Degree Murder. New York, Dec. 21.—It took just fifteen minutes today for a jury to find Charles Swinton, alias Charlie Phillips, guilty of murder in the first degree. The whole case occupied but seven hours. Swinton quarrelled with Isaac Lee on November 1 about the high cost of living, and shot him. He was remanded for sentence on January 3. Death in the electric chair is the penalty.

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### Only Ten Miners Taken Out Alive—40 Bodies Have Been Recovered—Hoisting Cages Disabled.

Bolton, England, Dec. 21.—More than 300 colliers lost their lives today in an explosion in the Little Hulton colliery of the Hulton Colliery company, which is located a short distance outside this city.

Men Had Just Entered Pit.

The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work. The force was terrific. Later investigations showed that the lower passages had been blocked. Heroic efforts were made to rescue the victims, but a fierce fire which followed the explosion prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond four hundred yards into the workings.

At two o'clock tonight, all the rescuers were called out of the mine, and a conference was held, at

which Government Inspector Gerard, the engineers and the mine manager were present.

Inspector Gerard issued a report, after making a descent into the pit, in which he stated that it was impossible that any of the miners were still alive. He added that nothing could be done except to bring up twenty bodies found lying near the shaft.

Open-Air Religious Service. The report was communicated to the anxious crowds around the pit mouth, after which the bishop of Manchester conducted a touching service in the open air and the people slowly dispersed.

No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion, which completely wrecked the mine.

This is the second great mine disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at White Haven, Cumberland, May 12, in which 124 miners were killed.

The explosion today resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery, whereby the cages are lowered and drawn to the surface, and it was considerably time before the first rescue party reached the bottom of the pit. In all they brought out eight men, still living, but the majority of these lay in serious condition from the noxious gases. Ten bodies also were removed and twenty additional bodies were found partly covered by heavy falls of coal.

Rescuers Work in Relays. Late tonight the colliers' faces were started again and the air was found to be fairly good. Arrangements were made for relays of rescuers to go into the mine every three hours throughout the night.

Towards midnight two more miners were found alive, but they were badly burned and are in a critical condition.

It was announced that forty bodies had been collected at the bottom of the shaft and they will be brought up as soon as possible. A flicker of hope still animates the rescuers that more men may be found alive. Doctors, nurses and ambulances are still on the scene, and relatives, mostly women, are lingering in the vicinity.

Among the incidents was the death of a rescuer, who, anxious to reach his two sons, who were entombed, got in advance of his comrades and forfeited his life from after-damp.

The king has sent a touching message of sympathy.

RAINEY PUSHING RESOLUTION. Collecting Data of Railroad Expenses of Roosevelt While Chief Executive.

Washington, Dec. 21.—A determined fight will be made by Representative Rainey of Illinois, one of the democratic leaders, in raising the question of former President Roosevelt's traveling expenses shortly before congress. One of the stockholders of the Southern railway today wrote Mr. Rainey that Mr. Roosevelt had paid for all the transportation furnished him on his orders while he was in the White house, it would have cost him \$75,000 on that line alone, and data furnished Mr. Rainey, he says, includes an estimate of \$129,000 as the amount that Mr. Roosevelt, as a matter of right, owes the Pennsylvania railroad.

Mr. Rainey's recent resolution demanding information as to all of Mr. Roosevelt's traveling expenses while he was president, has brought out a large correspondence, including letters from a number of railway stockholders, who agree with Mr. Rainey's view that the railroad should not be saddled with the expense of the special trains and special cars ordered from the White house at passenger department expense.

Mr. Rainey purposes immediately after congress reassembles to move to discharge the rules committee from further consideration of his resolution, if, as he expects, the committee approves the measure.

Plague Spreading in China. Washington, Dec. 21.—Every report to the state department from China bearing upon the epidemic of plague indicates the rapid spread of the disease and adds to the magnitude of the affliction. A cholera epidemic reported from the legation at Peking today states that no less than two and a half million people have been plague-stricken in the province of Anhui alone.

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